NOTICE OF INTENTION TO AMEND THE CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST CODE OF THE STATE AND CONSUMER SERVICES AGENCY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State and Consumer Services Agency, pursuant to the authority vested in it by section 87306 of the Government Code, propose amendments to its Conflict-of-Interest Code. The purpose of these amendments is to implement the requirements of sections 87300 through 87302, and section 87306 of the Government Code.

The State and Consumer Services Agency proposes to amend its Conflict-of-Interest Code to include an employee position that is involved in the making or participation in the making of decisions that may foreseeably have a material effect on any financial interest, as set forth in subdivision (a) of section 87302 of the Government Code.

This amendment will add the position of Staff Services Manager as a designated employee and makes other technical changes to reflect the currently organizational structure of the Agency. Copies of the amended code are available and may be requested from the Contact Person set forth below.

Any interested person may submit written statements, arguments, or comments relating to the proposed amendments by submitting them in writing no later than March 10, 2003, or at the conclusion of the public hearing, if requested, whichever comes later, to the Contact Person set forth below.

At this time, no public hearing has been scheduled concerning the proposed amendments. If any interested person or the person's representative requests a public hearing, he or she must do so no later than 15 days before close of the written comment period, by contacting the Contact Person set forth below.

The State and Consumer Services Agency has prepared a written explanation of the reasons for the proposed amendments and has available the information on which the amendments are based. Copies of the proposed amendments, the written explanation of the reasons, and the information on which the amendments are based may be obtained by contacting the Contact Person set forth below.

The State and Consumer Services Agency has determined that the proposed amendments:

- 1. Impose no mandate on local agencies or school districts.
- 2. Impose no costs or savings on any state agency.

- 3. Impose no costs on any local agency or school district that are required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.
- 4. Will not result in any nondiscretionary costs or savings to local agencies.
- 5. Will not result in any costs or savings in federal funding to the state.
- 6. Will not have any potential impact on private persons, businesses or small businesses.

In making these proposed amendments, the State and Consumer Services Agency must determine that no alternative considered by the Agency would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the amendments are proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected persons that the proposed amendments.

All inquires concerning this proposed amendment and any communication required by this notice should be directed to:

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